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Also to: PARIS 80297
CASERTA 7777
WASH 9427

27 April 1945

Re LOW-BERN 8287 (LOW-PARIS 68284, LOW-CASERTA 14284, LOW-WASH 24704).

1. SOE is clearly wrong in claiming that our man is Franz WINKLER.

2. Name of man with whom we have contact and whose report we have furnished is Dr. Karl VON WINKLER born 8 Dec 1912 at STAINACH SYRIA. Private secretary of Count Nikolaus VON BALLESTERN, Representative of Board of Directors of Vereinigte Oberschlesische Knetenwerke AG BRUNNEN and AGRAH where company owned export firm.

3. We have checked our WINKLER thru person who has known him for years and there seems to be no doubt that he has long been anti-Nazi. As previously stated we do not consider him calibre to be important resistance leader and thru his business he undoubtedly has SD or other doubtful contacts. We still consider that he may be useful for intelligence and to help organize anti-raid activities.

4. Please put SOE LONDON straight on this. We are working in touch with SOE here in connection WINKLER matter.

* Duplicate number -- Subject to correction.

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